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COMPLEX IN SERUM**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF MISSING
PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on April 24, 2002, containing instructions to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month;
- 2) An initial Computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing; and
- 3) An initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Please amend the claims and/or specification as follows

IN THE SPECIFICATION.

After the abstract, please insert the accompanying sequence listing (page1).

Delete paragraph 176 on page 62 and insert the following:

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--[0001] We next examined the possible sedimentation of the serum calcium phosphate complex during centrifugation, a property that might be anticipated for the complex based on the fact that calcium phosphate mineral phases typically have densities about 3 fold greater than serum. As shown in Table II, centrifugation of serum from rats treated with the 32mg dose of etidronate resulted in a pellet containing calcium, phosphate, and MGP. When the pellet was dissolved in acid